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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully  
request entry and consideration of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as  
follows:

Page 1, on new line after the title, insert:

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This application is a continuation of International Patent Application  
PCT/JP00/04298, which was filed on June 29, 2000, and which claims priority to Japanese  
Patent Application 11-187959, which was filed on July 1, 1999, and to Japanese Patent  
Application 2000-71706, which was filed on March 15, 2000, all of which are incorporated  
herein by reference.